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AWFUL MESS

According to foreign-policy experts with strictly American interests in mind, we are losing one round after another on the world front. They point to Laos and Cuba; to all the brave words about Berlin which wind up with pressure, especially from Great Britain, for more fruitless negotiations when there is nothing to negotiate except on Khrushchey's terms.

Particularly, they point to recent events in the Congo. Certainly this is the perfect illustration of the awful

mess into which our foreign affairs have fallen - a mess that is the direct result of our involvement in the United Nations. The situation in the Congo is beyond belief from the standpoint of American interests. The Congo, be it remembered, is a half-savage but rich territory in Africa. It was a colony of Belgium. Under pressure from the United Nations, Belgium granted independence to the Congo long before its people were ready for it. The result was the rise, in parts of that

unhappy land, of pro-communist leaders like the late Patrice Lumumba. However, one province in the Congo - the richest and most advanced by Western standards - is Katanga. It was headed by Moise Tshombe. He is no 'great democratic leader' of course, because such a thing as a democratic way of life as we understand it is impossible in the present condition of the Congo. But Tshombe was anti-communist and he refused to permit his province of Katanga to become part of a Congolese federation dominated by pro-Red leaders.

The UN has had troops stationed in the Congo for about a year in an effort to bring peace among its warring tribes. This is a very expensive operation. Most mem-

bers of the UN refused to pay their share of the cost, so the United States government - which means you, the American taxpayer - picked up the tab for the UN Congo operation to the tune of 50 million dollars so far. What have all these dollars of ours bought? Were UN troops trying to keep the Congo out of communist hands? Not at all. It may be beyond comprehension, but the UN forcibly deposed Tshombe, the anti-Red leader of Katanga, and tried to replace him with a pro-communist stooge. And President Kennedy and his State Department supported the UN action!

This is one more reason why keen observers say we are losing the cold war and that we never will start winning it until we get out of the UN.

'LIBERALS' AND REDS

The strangely un-American reaction of our government to events on the world stage is related to its reaction to events here at home. When we say 'un-American' we are not accusing members of the government of disloyalty. But what we are confronted with is a state of mind among certain of our leaders which is contrary to everything for

which America stands. Perhaps it is put best by a question that is being asked constantly nowadays. It goes something like this: Why is it that the modern 'liberals' were howling their heads off 20 years ago for strong measures and even war against Nazi-ism, but today these same 'liberals' and their younger disciples are the apostles of

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appeasement and negotiation with the much greater menace of communism? The answer, we suspect, lies in the 'liberal' philosophy itself - not in any disloyalty to the United States. This so-called 'liberal' philosophy has permeated the schools and colleges from which many present-day Washington leaders come, especially those who call themselves New Frontiersmen. The 'liberal' philosophy is basically a collectivist philosophy - that is, it believes in Big Government, in running things from the center; it is anti-capitalist, anti-free-enterprise; it plays to pressure groups like Big Labor in order to retain power; it believes government

rather than the people should decide how and where their earnings should be spent.

This is, of course, basically a socialist economic philosophy. And communism is basically a socialist philosophy. In other words, the modern 'liberal' philosophy is, at many points, in agreement with Red philosophy - not with its murders, purges, the iron-clad dictatorship - but with its basic belief in the way a society should be run. Therefore, it becomes very difficult for a modern 'liberal' who has been nurtured, fed and instilled with such thinking to consider communism all bad. There are too many points at which it jibes with his own beliefs. So perhaps it is quite natural for him to believe that if the collectivist society represented by communism can be shorn of its nasty features, it is possible to accommodate oneself to the basic socialistic ingredients which are so close to his own beliefs. The modern 'liberal' overlooks or refuses to see of course, that the nasty features are essential to make any such system work, because at the very heart of socialism or communism is the abrogation of man's individual freedom.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We have had a good example, on the home front, of the lengths to which the 'liberal' philosophy can lead a good American. It is found in President Kennedy's now famous letter to the steel companies. Mr. Kennedy certainly has the interests of the United States at heart, but he has been so imbued with the anti-capitalism of modern 'liberalism' that he allowed himself to become involved in an attack on the American free-enterprise system.

About 20 months ago the steel industry, under bludgeoning from Big Labor and the government, granted a series of three wage increases to its workers. Everybody with any sense knew at the time, and so predicted, that if the steel companies were to stay in business, eventually these increases would cause steel prices to rise. The final wage boost goes into effect next month. So the President, under the misapprehension that he is not only the political boss of the nation but its economic boss as well, sat down and wrote a letter to 12 steel-company heads asking them to prevent inflation by not raising the price of steel.

There was implicit in such a letter the threat of government control of prices and production - which the New Frontiersmen who advise Mr. Kennedy think a proper function of government and which is an excellent way to kill free enterprise and all the jobs it creates. Whether the President knows it or not, government control of prices and production is one of the prime objectives of a socialist - and a communist - system.

Besides, the President's letter showed an unawareness of the real cause of inflation. Rising prices of products are not the cause of inflation - they are its results. As some of the steel-company heads pointed out and as nearly everybody knows, except New Frontier economists, the cause of inflation is government spending, borrowing and taxing. And on this front, the culprit is not American industry but the New Frontier itself which, entirely outside defense expenditures, is engaged in wild spending and piling up deficits. As one wag remarked, Mr. Kennedy should have written that letter to himself. Most of the steel-company

heads properly and correctly told the President, in very polite language of course, to go climb a tree. But the replies gave us an interesting sidelight on what can happen to a man's mind when he loses sight of sound American principles. One of the President's assistants was sore because the replies came in separately and every time one was released it got additional publicity. Evidently the President wanted the companies

to get together and send their letters in all at once. Then there would be only one newspaper story instead of ten or twelve, which is a neat form of government censorship if you can get away with it. And the steel-company heads were not so dumb. Had they gotten together on their replies, the President's brother, Atty.-Gen. Bobby Kennedy, conceivably might have pounced on them for collusion under the anti-trust laws.

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Book Review **TRUTH ABOUT PLANNING**

SOCIAL PLANNING IN THE UNITED STATES by Benjamin F. Young, 294 pages, Pageant Press, New York, \$5.00.

This is a very, very timely book. The social planners once again are riding high. If we allow them to pile their newest (really very old and reactionary) gimmicks on top of all those they burdened us with during the New-Fair Deal days, we may have to kiss goodbye our private enterprise economic system and with it our abundant life. But far worse, along with it would go our freedom, for while a social planner will

never admit it, it is of the essence of his philosophy and his plans that man cannot be free.

Mr. Young, who made his way in the free-enterprise system as an employee of the New York Telephone Company - he was vice-president when he retired - cannot be dismissed as a mere businessman defending a system that was good to him. He was also Phi Beta Kappa, graduating from college *magna cum laude*, spent three years in graduate work at Columbia's department of Social Sciences and has continued a lifetime

interest in social and economic systems. The result is a crystal-clear analysis of the whole subject of social planning which, as Mr. Young's subtitle correctly states, is 'the road to collectivism.'

He has covered every phase of the subject, including its background, its basic elements, its effects and techniques. But he does not indulge in mere theory. There are concrete and very serious examples of social planning affecting every American. In the latter part of the book there is an invaluable side-by-side comparison of free enterprise and social-planning, as each system affects or disaffects major areas of

our lives. We have seen nothing quite like this anywhere else. It compares, with documentation, the status under free enterprise, and under social planning, of freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of occupation, individual self-realization, leisure-time freedoms, political liberty, political and economic power, and economic production.

Mr. Young has written a highly informative book which ought to be on the required supplemental reading list of every course in economics and political or social science.

- Rosalie Gordon

EVERYTHING BLURRED

"Words that America had treasured as a rich legacy, that had sounded like trumpet calls above the clash of arms and the fury of debate, we allowed to fade from the classrooms and the consciousness of the pupils.

"'Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable.'

"'We have met the enemy, and they are ours...'

"'Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute...'

"Search for these towering phrases in vain today in too many of our schools, in the hearts and minds of too many of our children. The golden words are gone, and in their place brain-numbing projects on the nation's second-class mail service, units on the orange-picking industry of Los Angeles County, or accounts of the trucking business on Highway 66. We must all grow up to be orange packers or mailmen or

truckers or school administrators. We have no further need of Websters - nor of Nathan Hales.

"Our sin was greater than this, however. Patriotism feeds upon hero-worship, and we decided to abolish heroes. Even the nursery rhymes, poor innocent little things beloved by generations of children and which had come down to us from time immemorial, were pronounced 'violent' and 'sordid' for the children to hear until after we had tinkered with them... Everything that was fearful and wonderful and glamorous, we leveled off to the lowest common denominator..."

"It's not the fault of teachers as individuals that our profession has been brainwashed for a quarter of a century with slogans like: 'There are no eternal verities'... 'Teach the child, not the subject,' and, worst of all, 'Nothing is worth learning for its own sake.' The results are plain for all to see: the worst of our youngsters growing up to become booted, sideburned, ducktailed, unwashed, leatherjacketed, slobs, whose favorite sport is ravaging little girls and stomping polio victims to death; the best of our youth coming into maturity for all the world like young people fresh from a dizzying roller-coaster ride, with everything blurred, with no positive standards, with everything in doubt. No wonder so many of them welsh out and squeal and turn traitor when confronted with the brutal reality of Red military force and the crafty cunning of Red psychological warfare..."

- from an address reported in Pasadena (Cal.) INDEPENDENT STAR NEWS by Dr. Max Rafferty, Supt. of LaCanada (Cal.) Schools

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IN MEMORIAM

We know all patriots will join us in extending deepest sympathy to the family and friends of George Peck, who met an untimely, and unnecessary, death in the crash of an Electra plane (the sixth such accident for this type of craft) at Chicago on September 17th. George Peck was a great American who will be mourned by all who fight for 'The American Way,' which was the title of the service he supplied, at much personal sacrifice, to weekly newspapers all over the United States.

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